LOCAL NEWS.

ANNEXATION-LETTER FROM EDMUND BURKE, ESQ., TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL-REPLY OF THE HON. R. T. DANIEL TO THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY. - As previously sated in the Gazette, Mr. Burke, Attorney for the Commonwealth for Alexandria county, considered the case of Phillips vs. Payne, known as the annexation case, of sufficient importance to transmit to the Attorney General full details of the proceedings; to which communication the Attorney General replies that he has laid the matter before the Governor, who regards that any intervention by the State in the controversy would be premature at this time, but the Attorney General desires to be kept informed of the progress of the litigation in its future stages. The following is the correspondence:

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 26, 1874. Hon. Raleigh T. Daniel, Attorney General: Dear Sir: Some time since a movement was inaugurated designed to test the constitutionality of the act of Congress, passed July 9th, 1846, retroceding Alexandria county to the State of Virginia, which has resulted in a suit brought in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by Robert A. Phillips, a property-owner, against Charles W. Payne, a Collector of Taxes for Washington township in the county of Alexandria. The facts in the case are as follows: On the 19th of January, 1874, Tax-Collector Payne received a communication from Mr. Phillips requesting his presence in the city of Washington upon the succeeding day to receive the sum of \$165 18, the amount of State, county and township taxes due by him on account of assessments previously made according to the laws of the State of V rginia. In compliance with this request of Mr. Phillips, Collector Payne met him at the time and place designated, received the tixes and delivered to him receipts therefor. Simultaneously wi h the payment of the taxes, Phillips placed in his hands a written protest against the payment thereof, and on the same day the collector was served with process in a suit brought by Ph Hips against him for the recovery of the taxes so paid. Mr. Payne transmitted to myze i, as Commonwealth's Attorney, the papers in the cause, with a request that such action should be ad as the necessities of the case might require. The question raised, directly inyo ving, as it does, the territorial boundary and jurisdiction of Virginia, it is proper before taking any action in the premises that the highest law other of the Commonwealth should be consulted; therefore the enclosed copy of the letter from Phillips to Payne, together with printed copies of the prot st and declaration in the cause, are herewith respectfully submitted. in this connection, with due deterence, a single suggestion may be added upon the legal aspect of the case. .
In the event of a judgment against Collector

Payne, he and other collectors would be har-rassed with a multiplicity of suits similar in character, and their property in the city of Washington and possibly in the county of Alexandria would be seized and subjected to the satistaction of judgments recovered against them. Ims condition of things, besides tending to violence and breach of the peace, would be calculated to deter and impede the officers of this county in the discharge of their lawful duties. Should Mr. Payne defend this suit, his only defence could be that the act of retrocession is constitutio al, and should he determination of this question by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, the decision of that Court would undoubtedly influence, it not control, its rature consideration of this question, and thu-the rights of Virginia might be prejudiced, if not

movement and by the District government, which is seeking to enlarge its boundaries to the limits originally accorded it by the territorial cessions of Maryland and Virginia. Under these circumstances, it is respectfully

urged that the proper course to be pursued in this emergency presents a question worthy the serious consideration of yourself and the Gov-Anticipating an early expression of your views

upon the facts and suggestions herein contained, I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your obedient servant.
EDMUND BURKE.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, F. bruary 1, 1874 Edmund Burke esq. Commonwealth's Attorney

Alexandria county: D ar S.r.: I have laid your communication of the 26th ultimo before His Excellency the Governor He is of the opinion that any interven-tion by the State of V rginia in the controversy b-tw-en Phillips, a property-owner in Alexan-dria courty, and Payne, Collector of Taxes in Washington township in that county, would be premature, at least at this time. Although the caim of the tax payer to be exempt from Virginia taxes because that county is a part of the District of Columbia and not a part of the State of Virginia may incidentally involve the question of territorial sovereignty, it is not apparent how the State would be affected by the result of a suit to whi h she is not a party nor can be made a party; nor that her countenancing the defence might not add to the mischievous agitation which it is apprehended may hurt the col-

May I suggest how far the controversy promoted, as you represent this to have been, wil-stile not merely the rights of the State, but any thing between the immediate paries to it? Had this payment of taxes on property liable to them in Virginia been made to a State officer with power at the time to levy on the property to satisfy tuem, the same legal consequences wend have followed from the payment as if made after the levy it was made to avert. But when made, as in this case, outside of the offi-cer's jurisdiction, voluntarily and without com-pulsion, if not collusively, will the same legal consequences follow and will the law imply any a sumpert on the part of the officer to refurd money paid him under such circum tances? I will preserve your letter and its enclosure for future reference, should it be necessary, and should like to hear of this litigation in its future stages Very respectfully yours, R. T. DANIEL.

PETRICT CATTLE YARD. - The selection of a site for a proposed new cattle yard for the District of Columbia, is now the subject of some e mment in the Washington and Baltimore newspapers. In order to carry out the plan of establishing the yard at Waterloo, it is proposed to organize, in Washington, a company with a cipital stock of \$500,000. They will own the Waterloo track, on which the brick yards of Mr. Stephens are located, between this city and Washington, containing one hundred and forty acres, upon which a large brick hotel, the bricks for which are already made, will be erected, and accommodations prepared for one hundred and fifty car loads of cattle. On the river front an extensive abottoir or slaughter house will be erected on piles, and be supplied by a syphon with water from a reservoir, into which seven springs are emptied by means of water rams. It is also proposed to make it obligatory upon all the butchers of Washington. Georgetown and this city to have all their cattle slaughtered there, having previously been inspected by a competent and salaried officer. The State of Virginia will be asked for a charter in which the authority of the Board of Health of Washington over the yard shall be recognized. Another proposed site is Queenstown, on the line of the Metropolitan branch of the B. & O R. R , where cattle pens are being erected about one mile and a half from Boundary street, where the old Bladensburg road crosses, leading on the one side to Drovers' Rest and on the other to Bladensburg, the junction of the new Alexandria branch with the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Onio Railroad, which will soon be the loute for the southwest Virginia cartle to Baltimore and Washington via the ferry across the river at this city.

the offices in the market house building, upon ly instalments. entering the room of the Commissioner of Revenue, yesterday afternoon, found a drunken in a manner that was not agreeable to look at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

upon. He was so angered by the disordered appearance things presented that he informed the intruder he would leave the room in the exact condition he had found it until the Commissioner of Revenue returned. This information, however, delivered in the tone of a threat; had no other effect upon the party to whom it was conveyed than to induce him to tell his informant to go to a place not spoken of in ears polite, that he could whip him and the Commissioner of the Revenue both together, and commenced to advance upon him as though he was not going to wait for the latter to arrive. The steward slammed the door and retired to the office of the tax collectors, but the intruder now became wroth, followed him thither, and upbraided him vociferously, winding up his abuse by calling him a market house dog. This was more than mortal could bear, so siezing a poker the steward rushed at him and fought gailantly; but his opponent, being the more vigorous, lifted him from the floor and held him against the wall, his legs dangling in the air, until they were separated, neither having been much hurt.

FIREMEN'S CONVENTION. - A meeting of the Firemen's Convention was held at the hall of the Hydraulion Steam Fire Company last night, G. E. Entwisle in the chair and Horace Swain, Secretary.

The route of the procession will be the same as last year.

An invitation was extended to the Chief Engiveers of the Fire Departments of Washington and Baltimore to participate in the parad. on the 23rd inst.

The letters from the Friendship and Columhia Companies declining to participate, were received.

The applications of John Geib. Jackson's Band, the Snakeaugan Club, R. T. Lucas, Virginia Sentinel and A. C Kall, to be represented in the parade, were received, and the Chief Marshal was directed to accord them a place in

PROF. TRIPP'S LECTURES. -The descriptive series by Prof. Tripp, on the great historical epochs of France and Europe since 1848, which it is now the privilege of our citizens to secure, are productions, we are assured, of no ordinary merit. The period embraced by the lectures. in marvellous political transformations and thrilling dramatic episods, is one of the most wonderful of all time; and yet the events are so near the present as to render exact information by the ordinary channels quite impossible. Prof. Tripp, by sup rior opportunities for information, and long study of his grand theme, has produced a series of portraitures that have been greatly extolled for fidelity of statement and vivid delineation, and if the accounts that come to us from all quarters may be relied upon, our citizens may all anticipate a rich treat.

ALEXANDRIA CANAL. - Yesterday in the House of Representatives, Mr. Chipman introduced a bill relating to the Alexandria canal, which provides that the lessees of the Alexandria canal shall not be allowed to demand more than the following fares for passing over the Potomac on the Aqueduct bridge: For each foot passenger, one et; horse and mule or jack with rider, two cts.; horse without rider, or ox or other horned cattle, two cts; for each vehiabsolutely concluded, by the decision of a suit cle drawn by one animal, eight cts; or fitteen in with the State would be unrepresented and cts. both ways; vehicle drawn by two animals,

> CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY -Judge Turner presiding - CHANCERY SIDE - James and John Walker vs. L W. Hatch; decree. W. J. Smith vs. R J. Smith's administra-

> or; report of commissioner filed. B. P. Noland vs. E. B. Powell et als : Alpert Stuart substituted trustee in place of L. B. Taylor, deceased.

LAW SIDE-Public allowances were made to the several officers of the Court. Report of John West, commissioner of ac-

counts of the accounts of S. M. Janney and E. H. Stabler, executors of Sarah S. Januey. was returned and ordered to lie for exceptions. Court adjourned till to-morrow.

CORPORATION COURT - Judge E. M. Lowe presiding. - The last will and testament of Wilson Trueheart, deceased, was proved by subscribing witnesses and admitted to probate, and Henrietta Trueheart qualified and gave bond as executrix.

Eilen Desmond was appointed administratrix of the estate of James Buckley, deceased, and qualified and gave bond. I Schwartz & Co. vs. James E. Henderson;

in chancery; decree of reference to a commissioner of Court.

Court adjourned till 11 o'clock Thursday. POLICE REPORT. - Some colored people for

threatening to burn the stable of Mr. John Davis, were bound over to keep the peace by Justice May, and for threatening Mr. Davis with personal violence, were fined and discharged by the Mayor. Phronia Ferguson, charged with stealing a gold ring from Mary Odel, both colored, was

locked up for further examination. Four lodgers were accommodated at the sta

tion house last night.

RELIEF ASSOCIATION. - Through the exertions of one of the most generous and energetic of the Union street merchants, the treasury of the Ladies Union Relief Association has been replenished to a considerable extent. The contributions have been most timely, enabling the ladies of the association to continue in their 'labor of love," and extend the sphere of their usefulness. They have done a great deal of good, and deserve the highest commendation.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. - A young woman named Mary E. Spencer, living at the intersection of Royal and Pricess streets, drank ten cents worth of laudanum last night with the intention of destroying her life, but her design being detected, medical assistance was procured at once and she was saved Unrequited love is said to have been the cause of the attempted suicide.

THE CONCERT TO MIGHT. - The programme the South Atlantic coast, diminishing northfor the Masonic concert, to be given at Sarepta | westerly winds and clear cool w ather with ris-Hall to-night, embraces songs by Mendelssohn, Abt, Gumbert, Kucken and others, interspersed with choice instrumental pieces. From the established reputation of the choir as accomplished musicians, it may be inferred in advance, that the numbers will be given with an excellence to please the most cultured.

RELIEF. - As stated in the Gazette's Washington dispatch, yesterday, Gen. Hunton, the Representative from this district, introduced, yesterday, in the House, a bill providing for the payment to the Overseer of the Poor of Fairfax county, the sum of \$1,595, for timber cut from the land of the poor house by the federal army during the war.

NEW BANK. - The stockholders in the two German Co-operative Building Associations of this city contemplate the early establishment of A Beligerent Intruder.—The steward of tal stock of which is to be paid in small month-

CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY. - Judge Turthe ensconced therein, who had kicked over per will hold for Judge Keith a special term the coal scuttle and knocked about the furniture of the Circuit Court of the city, commencing

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, February 10, 1874. In the Senate, to-day, Messrs, Bourwell, House committee a joint committee to investi-

gate the affairs of this district. Mr. Anthony then spoke on finances, after which the Bankruot bill was taken up.

JUDGE WRIGHT. In the Criminal Court, to-day, by order of

Chief Justice Carrier, the jury returned a verdiet of not guilty in the case of Jadge John W. Wright, charged with defrau ling Indians. He will now be prosecuted in St. Louis on a simi-

A new paper, to be called The Washington Tribune, will be issued on Monday afternoon next. It will be larger than The Star in size.

The Patrons of Rusbandry.

St. Louis. Feb. 10. - Last evening's session the consideration of the report of the committee on amendments to the by-laws and consti tution, which resulted in the adoption of a mass of verbal amendments and alterations of the by-laws. The amendments to the constitution are to be considered to day. One of these provides for the establishment of district granges in the fifth degree, not to exceed one in each county, to be composed of masters and past masters and their wives, who are matrons, and such fourth degree members as may be elected thereto after having been ex mined as to their proficiency in the work. These granges shall have charge of the educational and business interests of the order in their respective districts, and shall encourage, strengthen and aid subordinate granges represented therein. Dispensations for such granges shall issue from the State Grange and under such regulations as the State Grange may a lopt.

English Polities.

LONDON, Feb. 10. - Twenty-seven members of the new Parliament were chosen yesterday, making the total number thus far elected 536 Of these 283 are Conservatives and 253 Liberals and home rulers. Conservatives have been returned for 80 seats occupied by Liberals in the last Parliament and Liberals have replaced pointed Henry Field captain of the chain gang. 28 Conservatives. The number of members returned from Ireland up to this morning is rulers, 16 Conservatives, and 8 L berais.

It is announced that a reconciliation has been effected between Di-raeli and the Marquis of Salisbury and the Earl of Caranovan, and that the Marquis and Earl have consented to assist Disraeli to form his ministry.

The Case of W. D. Coleman.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 10 --- W. D. Coleman, who attempted his life yesterday upon being VIRGINIA SASH, DOG AND FRAME Able and experenced counsel have already been emplyed by those who have control of the movement and by the District government, which is seeking to enlarge its boundaries to of fifty ets. per hundred, provided the lessees embezzlement is not known, but a full investishall furnish toll tickets when purchased in gation will be had at once into the sinking quantities of not less than fifty at one-half the fund, probably by a legi-lative committee at above rates.

> The Lynchburg Defaulting Clerk. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 10.- Henry, the defaulting clerk in the Lynchburg Internal Revenue office, has been arrested at Kaoawha Fails, W. Va. No:withstanding the statement of the special agent at Lynchburg that the defaulcation only amounts to \$3,500, a dispatch from the sheriff of Kinawha states that \$14,219 were found on Henry's person. The prisoner will be returned to Lynchburg for trial.

Foreign News.

MADRID, Feb. 10 -The Imparcial says the Government has agreed to an exchange of prisoners with the Carlists. PARIS, Feb. 10.-Jules Michela, the French

Author, is dead. VIENNA. Feb. 10 .- The Vaterland newspa per, of this city has been suppressed and its office and material confiscated.

Opera House Burned.

BETHLEHEM, PA., Feb. 10. - Heldenberger's new Opera House was burned last night. The fire broke out between twelve and one o'clock. It is supposed that the fire was caused by crackers used by the German Band during their concert last evening. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$20,000.

Trial Begun.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.-The trial of John E. Simmons, for killing Nicholas W. Duryea on the 16th of December, 1872, was commenced in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this mora-

Robber Arrested.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.-John Campbell has been arrested and identified as one of the party of masked men who robbed the jameley store of masked men who robbed the jewelry store of Adolph Hanck, in 9th avenue, some time

Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 10 4 p. m. -The rate of dis

The Weather in England.

LONDON, Feb. 10. - The weather in London and vicinity to-day is fair. E sewhere in the country snow prevails.

Killed.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 10 ... - In a whiskey quarrel at Osgood, Ind., last night Joshua Mitchell killed his grandson, Eminuel Vandevere.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10, 11 a. m. For the Middle and Middle Atlantic States, rising barometer, fresh to brisk northwesterly winds, partly cloudy and clearing weather. For ing barometer.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 -Stocks active and strong. Money 5. Gold 121. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat dull and declining. Corn dull and nom-

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10 .- Virginia sixes, consolidated old; West Virginias 11 bid to day. Cotten dull; low middings 147 15. Flour in improved demand and steady. Wheat quiet; white choice 190; fair to prime do. 1703.85; choice amber 190; good to prime red 1783.85; common to fair do. 1604.75; Pennsylvania do 1754.75; Ohio and Indiana do 1.541.65; Western Spring 150a155 Corn dull and steady; white Southern 80.85; yellow Southern 75.77; mixed Western active at 80 on spot. Oats active and firmer; Southern 6.a63; Western 60.62 Rye firmer at 90a95. Hay unchanged.

entertainment is to be given at Sarepta Hall, commencing on Thursday night. The pictures are represented to be magnificant. Four more car loads of ir n for the Purcell-

ville extension of the W. & O. R. R. wat up

that road this morning.

A pigeou shooting match came off yesterday at Waterloo between Messrs. DuBarry and Stevens. The birds had a rise of twelve yards and the sportsmen the privilege of shooting both barrels at each bird, but it was a good day for pigeons, for none of them were killed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Capt. Wm. Smith has returned from New York-where he went to have his fractured leg Allison and Thurman were appointed with the treated-much improved, and is prepared to resume his duties as commander of the steamer Virginia when she is ready to recommence her trips on the Maryland ferry.

Some of the ice dealers fearing the present will be the only opportunity afforded them of In the House of Representatives a number filling their ice houses, commenced this mornof committees reported, which reports were ing to avail themselves of it, and have been busily at work all day, though the ice is not more than two inches thick.

To-night will be the regular meeting night of the City Council, but it is not probable a quorum will be present, as many of the members are Masons and will attend the concert to be given at Sarepta Hall by the Masonic Choir

A party from New York has leased a part of Mason's Island, near Jackson City, and is already erecting upon it the necessary buildings for an extensive depot for hogs, from which the markets of the District of Columbia will be supplied with pork.

Aunt Agnes Shanklings, a colored woman, who was fifteen years old when the British took possession of this city, died last night at her of the National Grange was devoted entirely to home, on Wolfe street, between Columbus and Alfred streets.

Rhoda Fewell, who was committed to jail at Brentsville for an assault on a Mr. Hinson, at Manassas, has been brought before Judge Keith on a writ of habeas corpus and admitted to bail.

Young Mr. Gregory, of this city, who was deputy clerk of the U. S. District Court, has been deposed and his place given to a young brother of J. Ambler Smith. Large numbers of robbins have made their

appearance in this neighborhood since the late now. Many of them have been killed and found to be in excellent condition. The delay in the arrival of the Harrisoburg train yesterday evening was caused by a break

down on the Winchester and Potomac railroad. The alarm of fire about half-past eight o'clock last night was caused by the burning of a chimney on south R yal street. It is understood that Mr. Frank Creighton

has leased the at present unoccupied store in Sarepta Hall and will open a drug store there. The Alexandria Infirmary, corner of Duke and Fayette streets, was closed to day. Superintendent of Police, Clifford, has ap-

FENCE LAW. -It will be seen by reference to 55. These are divide! as follows: 31 home the proceedings of the Legislature that the bill for the repeal of the lence law, in Mount Vernon Township, Fairfax county, has passed the

> AGT COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY. - A regular meeting of the Columbia Fire Company will be held at their hall to morrow evening, at half-past seven o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. [feb 10-2t] GEORGE UHLER, Sect'y.

An assortment of
READY-MADE WORK
constantly on hand, such as
DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS, FRAMES, MOULDINGS, BRACKETS, NEW-

ELS, BALUSTERS, &c., &c.
Will buy and trade for Walnut and Ash Logs.
RISHEILL & HOOGE, Al xandria, Virginia. EVERLASTING DRESS PROTECTORS, ROBERT L. WOOD,

Are articles to protect or shield the bottom of ladies' dress skirts. They have the advantage of being waterproof, noiseless, and light in weight.

GREEN and FRESHLY ROASTED OLD GOVERNMENT, JAVA, LaGAUYKA and RIO COFFEES, for sale at lowest market J. C. MILBURN 19 north Royal st. A NOTHER LOT OF MARYLAND HAMS

J. C. MILBURN. feb 10 REFINED SUGARS, of various grades, for sale low by [feb 10] J. C. MILBURN.

A.TUSE.TE.YTS. GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT. THE MASONIC CHOIR,

of Washington city,

will give a Concert at

SAREPTA HALL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALEX. WASH. LODGE, No. 22, A., F. & A.M. At which a rare treat will be afforded all lovers

of fine music.

Tickets of ad mission to all parts of the hall may be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Geo. E. French, John A. Field, S. H. Lunt and Henry Cook, at the hotels and at the hall. Tickets 75 cents each to all parts of the house.

feb 2 8t

The officers and members of the KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK of Alexandria, Va., beg leave to announce to their friends and the public

that they will give their
FIRST GRAND BALL
AT HARMONIE HALL, count in open market for three months bills is 3½ per cent, which is the same as the Bank of England rate.

AT HARMONTE HALD,

Music by the HOLLY HILL BAND of Georgetown, D. C.

The committee pledge themselves to make

this Ball one of the most agreeable of the season. Floor Managers. R. M. Latham. Committee of Arrangements. J. P. Rice, V. W. Power, John Lannon,

G. H. Harlow, P. F. Gorman, M. A. Hart. The committee reserves the right to eject any improper or disorderly persons from the hall. Tickets, admitting a gentleman and lady, \$1. ian 26-td

WMNTED. 1000 EMPTY COALOIL BARRELS C. S. TAYLOR, Jr., 6 Prince street. jan 19 WANTED-GOOD BROOM CORN.

6 Prince street. jan 19 WANTED-A quantity of WHITE OAK and HICKORY POLES 14 feet long. by 15 F. A. REED, Agent.

C. S. TAYLOR, Jr.,

JUST RECEIVED—A supply of NEW OR-LEANS and DEMERAKA MOLASSES and PURE SUGAR DRIPS. CHINESE TEA COMPANY, 11 north Royal street. MOUNTAIN SWEET MALAGA WINE, a very superior article for table use, just

received and for sale by
GEO. McBURNEY & SON,
jan 13 166 and 170 King street. A FRESH SUPPLY OF CRUSHED WHITE WHFAT, Oat Meal, Graham Flour, Rice Flour and Wheaten Grits, for sale

WM. F. BROOKES,

147 King street.

SCRPTURAL ENTERTAINMENT.—It will be seen by the advertisement that a fine scriptural STURING MY NO. 1 FAMILY SOAP. Z. TOBRINER, Virginia Soap Works.

> A BLACK WELL'S ENGLISH PICKLES just received by GEO. McBURNEY & SON. feb ü 166 and 170 King street.

FULL ASSORTMENT OF CROSS &

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MPORTANT TO FARMERS!

ONLY \$40 A TON. GUANAHANI, AN IMPORTED NATURAL GUANO!

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(The Company guarantees that every cargo will be analyzed before it is offered for sale.)

[Letter of Professor P. B. Wilson, late Assistant of Baron J. Von Liebig.] CHEMICAL LABORATORY OF PROF. P. B. WILSON, No. 30 Second street, Maj. N. M. TANNOR, President Guanahani Guano Co., Petersburg, Va.

Dear Sir: I have drawn samples of the Guano, as it has arrived in cargo lots, and find it exceedingly uniform in the amount of Phosphoric Acid it contains, namely, from 15 to 19 per cent. This is combined with Lime, and is of Animal Origin, and readily assimilable by plants. It contains potential Ammonia and Nitric Acid, having a combined Nitrogen value equal to from 2 to 3 per cent of Ammonia, with the alkalies Potash and Sod , and valuable proportions of Sulphate of Lime. The whole forming a very desirable combination for all crops, and when applied to land. the crop receiving proper tillage, must, in my optnion, give as good results as any Guano offered

Being of Animal Origin, the organic mutter has undergone partial decomposition and it necessarily contains a valuable amount of HUMUS, which makes its fertilizing power much greater than fertilizers which are compounded largely of Peruvian Guano, which, beyond its Ammenia and small phosphatic value, has little or no power in absorbing from the atmosphere and retaining in the soil the moveable elements absorbed by moisture and brought down by the rains, as the Guano you are now placing upon the market. All of the components of this Guano are very soluble in the soil, and possess such physical properties as to render it at all times and under all circumstances as immediately available plant food.

The late samples you sent me for analysis, from the deposit which you inform me you intend to ship from, show a decrease in phosphatic value, but a large increase in its Nitrogen compounds. think, however, from previous observations of cargoes, that you may reasonably expect, that cargoes taken from where these samples were drawn, will materially improve in the saline compounds, (Phosphates, Alkalies and Magnesia.)

P. B. WILSON, Analytical and Consulting Chemist. Respectfully, &c,

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, West Philadelphia, Dec. 19, 1873. Maj. N. M. TANNOR, Petersburg Va. Mal. N. M. TANNOR, Petersourg va.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request, I have analyzed sample of "Guanahani Guano" and have made additional examination of an average sample from a lot of 300 tons, the result of which I beg to embrace in the following: The Guano is a brownish powder, with lumps of combinations of Lime with Carbonic, Phosphoric and Nitric Acids. It contains a considerable quantity of water, (about 20 per cent) and when dried, is a paler brown powder. The Guano is evide thy of animal origin, and the minute bones, which were discovered in the same, indicate that it is the result of the decay of bats, mice, etc. The quantity of organic matter, which is still present, is about 12 per cent, and this yields about 22 per cent of Ammonia. A portion of the Nitrogen is present, as Nitric cid. of which about 3 per cent were found. All the Nitrogen present would be equivalent to about 31 per cent of Ammonos. The Phosphoric Acid in the Guano averaged about 121 per cent, equal to 27 3 per cent of Bone Phosphate. A considerable quantity of the Phosphoric Acid, however, is present, as so called neutral Phosphote of Lime which, being slightly soluble in water, renders the Guano as quick in its action, as a corresponding quantity of Super-Phosphate would do. The small percentage of potash, which was found in the analysis, adds to its value.

From all the experiments which I have made of the Guanahani Guano, no doubt can exist that Yours truly,

[Letter from Ex-Governor Smith.] WARRENTON, VA., August 4th, 1873. Dear Sir: The extraordinary character of the season—a rain almost every day—puts it would out of my power to form an estimate of your Guano. The crops of corn and rutabagas, to which it was applied, look very fine. Yours truly,

BETHEL ACADEMY, FAUQUIER CO, VA., July 24th, 1873. Dear Sir: I used your Guano on my wheat last fall, and am highly pleased with it. Think it is as good as the high priced Guan is. I have a good paying crop of wheat, and the best stand of grass I ever had, and this is the opinion of those who have seen both, notwithstanding the unfavorable winter and early spring. I shall use it again this fail. Yours. BENJ. F. SMITH.

[This crop of wheat, 28 bushels to the acre, was noticed in the Warrenton and Aiexandria papers as the finest crop in Mr. Smith's county.]

WARRENTON, VA., July 17th, 1873.

I used your Guano on wheat last year, and consider it equal to any Guano Lever used. It

LEWIS SHUMATE.

BROAD RUN STATION, FAUQUIER CO., VA., Dec. 4, 1873. Dear Sir: I left one row without your fertilizer, and used it on the next row. I used at the rate of 200 nounds to the acre. I had the corn carefully eathered separate, and found the result as follows: From the Guano row I shelled one bushel and nearly a half gallon; from the row without Guano I got a half bushel and not quite a quart; making fully double where I used Guano. The growth of stalk was not proportionately heavy—the strength seemed to go to the grain. I think it an excellent Spring fertilizer. The land I tried it on was quite thin. Yours, A. D. SMITH.

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